

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of this application and the Office Action dated September 22, 2003. A response to this Office Action was due by December 22, 2003.

Accordingly, Applicants are concurrently submitted a Petition for a one month extension of time. Also, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the associated small entity Petition fee of \$55 to the deposit account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 19-0733, together with any other fees that may be required, including any fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and 1.17. Please consider this Amendment as timely filed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the personal interview granted by the Examiner on November 26, 2003. The claims are amended herein in accordance with the substance of that interview. More particularly, claim 1 is amended to recite that the mount for attaching the magnet to a vehicle at a position that will cause the magnet to activate an inductance loop vehicle detector when the vehicle moves proximal to an inductance loop of the inductance loop vehicle detector. Similarly, claims 18, 35 and 52 are amended to recite attaching a magnet to a vehicle at a position on the vehicle that will cause the magnet to activate an inductance loop vehicle detector when the vehicle moves proximal to an inductance loop of the inductance loop vehicle detector.

It is respectfully submitted that these amendments do not raise a new issue, and moreover could not have been earlier presented. Each of these claims, as originally filed, was clearly directed toward the use of a magnet at a position on the vehicle that will cause the magnet to activate an inductance loop vehicle detector when the vehicle moves proximal to an inductance

loop of the inductance loop vehicle detector. Applicant has simply amended the claims to recite additional language that further emphasizes this feature of the invention, as required by the Examiner during the interview.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 again were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,659,290 to Haeri. Similarly, claims 4-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the Haeri patent, while claims 18-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the Haeri patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,568,937. Applicant respectfully traverses each of these rejections, and courteously asks for their reconsideration.

Each of claims 1-17 now recite a mount for attaching a magnet to a vehicle at a position that will cause the magnet to activate an inductance loop vehicle detector when the vehicle moves proximal to an inductance loop of the inductance loop vehicle detector. Claims 18-67 now recite attaching a magnet to a vehicle at a position on the vehicle that will cause the magnet to activate an inductance loop vehicle detector when the vehicle moves proximal to an inductance loop of the inductance loop vehicle detector.

As acknowledged during the personal interview, the Haeri patent does not teach or suggest these features of the invention. Instead, the Haeri patent is directed toward a device for detecting a vehicle's speed and alerting the vehicle's driver when the vehicle's speed exceeds a predetermined value. Nothing in the Haeri patent teaches or suggests a structure for activating an inductance loop vehicle detector. Accordingly, the Haeri patent does not anticipate the invention as recited in any of claims 1-67. Moreover, nothing in the Clark patent remedies this omission of the Haeri patent. Applicant therefore courteously asks for reconsideration of the rejections of

claims 1-67, along with their withdrawal.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are allowable, and that this application is therefore in condition for allowance. Favorable action in this regard is courteously requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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